

# Broads Authority

26 July 2024

Agenda item number 17

## Committee membership and Member appointments

Report by Senior Governance Officer

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### Purpose

To seek approval for Broads Authority member appointments to committees and other bodies for the 2024/25 year.

### Recommended decision

To confirm the Broads Authority member appointments for the 2024/25 year to:

- i. the Navigation Committee; Planning Committee, Risk, Audit & Governance Committee; Standards Committee and the Broads Local Access Forum (table 1) and
  - ii. outside bodies (table 2).
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Members are appointed to committees and outside bodies for the forthcoming year at the Broads Authority's annual meeting in July. This year, the appointment of new Secretary of State representatives (to replace Greg Munford and Bill Dickson who have both completed their term of office) has been delayed and consequently there are currently two vacancies. It is unlikely these vacancies will be filled in 2024/25 and will be rolled over to the DEFRA 2025/26 recruitment. However, we can welcome back Andrée Gee as the member from East Suffolk Council and congratulate both Stephen Bolt and Matt Shardlow on their reappointment for a second term.
- 1.2. At its [May](#) meeting the Authority appointed Peter Dixon and Alan Goodchild to the Authority's Board.
- 1.3. In accordance with the agreed procedure, members were invited to express their preferences, in advance of the annual meeting, for the committees and outside bodies on which they would like to serve. These preferences were reviewed by the Chairs' Group, taking into consideration the need for an appropriate balance of local authority and Secretary of State appointees, and enough members, on each committee and outside body, and to minimise the potential for conflicts of interest.

## 2. Appointments to committees

- 2.1. Table 1 sets out the recommendations of the Chairs' Group for member appointments to the Authority's committees in 2024/25. Depending on the outcome of the appointment of Chair, some of these recommendations may need to be reviewed at the meeting.

**Table 1**

Recommended member appointments to committees – 2024/25

Committee	Members
<p><b>Navigation Committee</b> 5 BA members and 8 co-opted members</p>	<p><b>BA members</b> Harry Blathwayt Stephen Bolt Leslie Mogford Michael Scott VACANCY</p> <p><b>Co-opted members</b> Mark Collins Peter Dixon Alan Goodchild Bob Neate Remus Sawyerr Simon Sparrow Paul Thomas Daniel Thwaites</p>
<p><b>Planning Committee</b> At least 11 BA members</p>	<p>Harry Blathwayt Stephen Bolt Andrée Gee Tony Grayling James Harvey Martyn Hooton Tim Jickells Kevin Maguire Leslie Mogford Matt Shardlow Vic Thomson Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro Fran Whymark</p>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Members</b>
<b>Risk, Audit and Governance Committee</b> At least 6 BA members, to include Chairs of BA and Navigation Committee	Chair of Broads Authority Chair of Navigation Committee (Alan Goodchild) Tony Grayling Paul Hayden Tristram Hilborn Sian Limpenny Kevin Maguire Michael Scott Matthew Shardlow
<b>Standards Committee</b> 7 members (Chair of the Authority ineligible)	Harry Blathwayt Stephen Bolt Peter Dixon Paul Hayden Tim Jickells Kevin Maguire Michael Scott
<b>Broads Local Access Forum</b> 2 BA members	Harry Blathwayt Peter Dixon

### 3. Appointments to outside bodies

- 3.1. Table 2 sets out the recommendations of the Chairs’ Group for member appointments to outside bodies for 2024/25. Appointments to Whitlingham Charitable Trust were made by the [Authority in July](#) last year, for a period of three years.
- 3.2. Members are recommended to read the [Guidance for Authority members appointed to outside bodies](#) on how best to manage potential conflicts of interest when appointed to an outside body.
- 3.3. Members are also reminded of the decision made by the Authority at its meeting on [30 April 2021](#), when it was agreed that the most appropriate way for members to report on their activities of the outside bodies to which they had been appointed was to submit a brief written report, once or twice a year and this would be included on the next Authority agenda. In addition to the report, it is expected that significant issues would be reported as and when they arise.

**Table 2** Recommended appointments to outside bodies

<b>Outside body</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
<b>Broadland Futures Initiative Elected Members Forum</b>	Matthew Shardlow Substitute – Tony Grayling

<b>Outside body</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
<b>How Hill Trust</b>	Tim Jickells
<b>Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust</b>	Paul Hayden Martyn Hooton
<b>Upper Thurne Working Group</b>	Harry Blathwayt Stephen Bolt
<b>Whitlingham Charitable Trust</b>	Matthew Bradbury Tracey Brown Anne Crotty David Diggins

## 4. Other appointments

- 4.1. The Authority's Chair represents the organisation at meetings of the 15 National Parks.
- 4.2. The Authority has a lead member for safety in line with the issue's critical importance and the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code. The Chair of the Navigation Committee fulfils this role.
- 4.3. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee share the specific responsibilities as member appointees to the Greater Norwich Development Partnership, Norfolk Duty to Cooperate - Member Forum and Norfolk Strategic Framework.
- 4.4. As agreed at the [2021 annual meeting](#), membership of the Heritage Asset Review Group (HARG) was extended to all members to allow the whole membership to be informed and engaged in cultural heritage matters. The purpose of this group is to advise on cultural heritage, including historic buildings and Conservation Areas, prior to any matters going to committee for consideration.

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Background papers: none

[Broads Plan](#) strategic objectives: n/a